GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Construction of Six Railway Lines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved construction of six railway lines, including doubling of Hubli-Chikjajur railway line to cater to both increased passenger and freight needs of various areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the total estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the time by which doubling work between Hubli-Londa-Vasco will be completed to boost overall development of North Karnataka region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): On 17.02.2016, Government has approved Hubli-Chickjur doubling project along with five other doubling projects viz. (i) Hubli-Chickjajur, Doubling (190 km) (ii) Wardha (Sewagram)-Ballarshah, Doubling (132 km) (iii) Rampur Dumra-Taluka- Rajendrapul, Additional Bridge and Doubling (14 km) (iv) Ramna-Singarauli, Doubling (160 km) (v) Anuppur-Katni 3rd line (165.52 km) (vi) Katni-Singrauli doubling with electrification (261 km) at a total estimated cost of `9475 Crores.

Hubli-Chickjur doubling project has been approved at a cost of `1141 Crores and an outlay of `280 Crores has been earmarked in Rail Budget 2016-17.

(c): The Hospet-Hubli-Londa-Tiniaghat-Vasco-de-Gama project has been executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. 58% work on this project has been completed. Targets for doubling/ multiple lines are fixed on yearly basis subject to availability of funds and progress made in individual projects. Targets for projects are dependent upon (i) land acquisition, (ii) forestry & wild life clearances, (iii) shifting of services, (iv) construction of road over and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies (v) law & order issues in addition to availability of funds, and many of these items are beyond control of Railways. Hence it is not feasible to fix the target date of completion.
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